APPENDIX D.

ADDRESS READ BY MR. SCOTT-SKIRWING.

5th October 1903.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

As the representative of the United Mysore Planters' Association it is my privilege to congratulate Your Highness on the statesman-like step Your Highness has taken in opening this assembly in person.

For the honour thus done to this assembly—to the Representatives from the various Districts and Associations, throughout the Province, and through them to Your Highness' subjects generally—I, on behalf of the Association which I represent, beg to thank Your Highness.

I also gladly seize the opportunity presented here and now to thank Your Highness for the sympathy shown to the Coffee Planting industry by the generous gift of Rs. 5,000 towards the expenses of exhibiting our produce at the Exhibition of St. Lous.

The exhibition of our produce will, it is thought, create a demand in America for our coffee, and thereby help us to struggle through the present critical condition of our industry.

I take the presence of your Highness here today as a happy augury for the continuance of an enlightened and sympathetic administration and I wish your Highness a long, happy and brilliant reign.

ADDRESS BY THE ASSEMBLY.

ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನವೆನ್ನಿಸುವ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರಾದ ಶ್ರೀ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜ ಒಡೆಯರ ಬಹದ್ದೂರವರ ಮಹಾ ಸನ್ನಿಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ.

ಮೈಸೂರು ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳು ಮಾಡುವ ಅನಂತಾನಂತ ವಿನ್ನಹಗಳು.—ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

೧. ಆಳಿದ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರಾದ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಒಡೆಯರ್ ಬಹದ್ದೂರ್ ಜೆ. ಸಿ. ಯಸ್. ಐ. ಯವರು ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿದ ಕೂಡಲೆ ಪ್ರಜೋಪಕಾರಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಿದ ಈ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರೇ ಈ ದಿವಸ ಸಾಕ್ಷಾತ್ತಾಗಿ ಅಲಂಕರಿಸಿದ್ದರಿಂದ, ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಇತಃಪರ ವಿಶೇಷವಾದ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯನ್ನು ಹೊಂದುವದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದೇ ಶುಭಸೂಚನೆ ಎಂದು ನಾವುಗಳು ನಂಬಿದ್ದೇವೆ,—ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

೨. ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪಕಾಲವಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ರಾಜ್ಯಾಡಳಿತಗಳ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಮರ್ಶೆಯಿಂದ ನ್ಯಾಯೈಕಪರರಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ತೀರ್ಮಾನಗಳು ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆಲ್ಲಾ ಅತ್ಯಂತ ಸಂತೋಷವನ್ನು ಉಂಟುಮಾಡುತ್ತಲಿವೆ,—ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

೩. ಕಾಲೇವರ್ಷತಿ ಪರ್ಜನ್ಯಃ ಪೃಥಿವೀ ಸಸ್ಯಶಾಲಿನೀ । ದೇಶೋಯಂ ಕ್ಷೋಭರಹಿತಃ ಸುಪ್ರಜಾಸ್ಸಂತಿ ನಿರ್ಭಯಾಃ ॥ ಎಂಬ ಮಂಗಳಶ್ಲೋಕಕ್ಕನುಸಾರವಾಗಿ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿದ ಕೂಡಲೆ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕಾದ ಮಳೆ ಆದರಿಂದಾದ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾದ ಬೆಳೆ ಇವುಗಳಿಂದ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳೆಲ್ಲರೂ ಸಾಖ್ಯದಿಂದಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರ ಸನ್ನಿಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಜ್ಞಾಪಿಸುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಇದು ಸುಸಮಯವಾಗಿದೆ,—ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

೫. ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ದೀರ್ಘಾಯುಷ್ಮಂತರಾಗಿ ಪುತ್ರ ಪೌತ್ರ ಪ್ರಪೌತ್ರ ಸಂಪನ್ನರಾಗಿ 'ಸತ್ಯಮೇವೋದ್ಧರಾಮ್ಯಹಂ' ಎಂಬ ಪಿತ್ರಾರ್ಜಿತವಾದ ಬಿರುದನ್ನು ಕಾಪಾಡುತ್ತಾ, ಬಹುಕಾಲದವರೆಗೂ, ಈ ದೇಶದ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಾದ ನಮ್ಮನ್ನು ಸಂರಕ್ಷಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಜಗದೀಶ್ವರನನ್ನು ನಿರಂತರದಲ್ಲೂಭಕ್ತಿಯಿಂದ ಪ್ರಾರ್ಥಿಸುತ್ತೇವೆ,—ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿ.

'ಪಾತು ಶ್ರೀ ಕೃಷ್ಣರಾಜೇಂದ್ರಂ ಸಾನುಜಂ ಸಹಮಾತೃಕಂ। ಸಭಾರ್ಯಂ ಸಪ್ರಜಂ ದೇವೀ ಚಾಮುಂಡಾ ಜಗದಂಬಿಕಾ ॥'

ADDRESS READ BY MR. THOMAS RICHARDS,

(The Kolar Gold Field Mining Board.)

Mysore, October 5th, 1903.

Your Excellency and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board I desire to express our appreciation of the interest His Highness the Maharaja, and you, Sir, continue to take in the Gold Mining industry, manifested by your personal inspection of the surface arrangements of the Champion Reef Mine, on the occasion of your visit to the Field on the 15th of August last.

As the representative of the Board I have been instructed to bring the following subjects to the notice of your Government:—

1. *Roads.*—We are grateful for the widening and general improvement of the main road through the Field, and as a steam roller has been provided by Government for the purpose, we trust this road will now be kept in a thorough state of repair.

2. *Cauvery Scheme.*—The harnessing of the Cauvery Falls, with the object of generating electricity for Power purposes, and the transmission of the current a distance of 92 miles for the benefit of the Mines, marks an epoch in the history of the Mysore State. We congratulate the Government upon the complete success of the first installation of 4,000 effective Horse Power, which has fulfilled our highest expectations over a period of 14 months; and we are already anticipating the further benefits that will accrue from the additional 2000 Horse Power, which it is expected will be available from the same source within the next 12 months.

3. *Augmentation of the Police.*—We are thankful for the augmentation and improved efficiency of the Police force on the Mines, which now appears to be equal to dealing satisfactorily with the prevailing conditions.

4. *Police Act.*—We are fortunate in having a Sanitary Board which is doing excellent work, in a most praiseworthy manner; but as the Board has not been invested with

Municipal Powers, and there is no Municipal Act, a Police Act is an urgent necessity, which we trust the Durbar will soon be pleased to sanction.

5. *Kolar Gold Field Railway.*—The present passenger accommodation not being at all satisfactory, we beg to suggest that first and second class carriages be provided, with sleeping and lavatory accommodation, similar to those in use on the Madras main line; and in the case of passengers for the Mines travelling by the night mail from Madras, a through carriage would be a great boon.

6. *Postal Arrangements.*—Since the Southern Mahratta Railway transferred the Overland Mail service from the Bangalore-Guntakal route to their main line *via* Poona, our inward mail from Bombay arrives on the Field *via* Arkonam 8 or 9 hours later than before, *viz.*, at 6 to 7 P. M. instead of 10 to 11 A. M. as formerly. It is therefore desired that the influence of the Durbar be graciously exerted to induce the Southern Mahratta and Madras Railway Companies to modify their train service in such a manner, that the mail train from Poona may connect with the Madras train at the Bangalore City Station, in order that the mails may be delivered on the Field, on the morning of the day of arrival, as heretofore.

The Railway Companies named have already been approached by the Mining Board on this subject, but they have not yet signified their willingness to meet the Board's wishes in the matter.

7. *Government Hospital.*—We heard with pleasure the announcement made by His Highness the Maharajah in August last, that a grant of Rs. 15,000 had already been made towards the cost of a new Hospital, and trust that the building will soon be commenced.

In view however of the rumour that the estimated cost of the proposed Establishment must be reduced, I have been instructed to call attention to the absolute necessity that exists for the most ample accommodation.

The Mining Companies employ nearly 25,000 local hands, whose wives and families look to Government for Medical comforts and attendance.

The Companies are now spending Rs. 33,000 upon additions to their large and already well equipped Hospital, and the sanitation of the mines and up-keep of the Hospital involves a monthly expenditure of Rs. 15,000, whilst at the present time the Government expends only about Rs. 1,300 per month on Hospital work.

It is therefore earnestly to be desired that the present unsatisfactory state of affairs be no longer allowed to prevail, but that the erection of a commodious new Hospital

be expedited as much as possible, that the Medical wants of the large population on the Field may be properly provided for without further delay.

I have also been requested to mention the pressing need there is for a separate Maternity, as well as the necessity for at once improving the existing temporary Hospital accommodation.

In this connection we gratefully acknowledge the special help rendered by Government in combating plague, and appreciate the valuable co-operation of the Government officials and Medical staff on the Field; a co-operation which it is trusted will be still closer in any future efforts directed to the same purpose; and since plague is again epidemic in outlying districts from which the labour supply of the Mines is drawn, the Board trusts the Durbar will be pleased to earnestly continue in conjunction with the Mining Companies the effective measures hitherto employed to prevent the spread of this dread disease.

8. *Water-supply.*—In connection with the Betamangalam Water Scheme the requirements of the Mining Companies only were at first provided for, and I was therefore instructed to request that the wants of others might receive consideration at the hands of the Durbar; but I understand that the Public Works Department has now been authorized to attend to applications from other sources, that no one on the Field may be debarred from participating in the benefits to be derived from a sufficient supply of potable water.

9. *Labour.*—The threatened depletion of our labour supply, through the medium of South African Emigration Agents, caused some anxiety a few months ago, but our Deputy Commissioner (Mr. Carr) very promptly issued orders to prevent any enlistment on the Field, and it is not now anticipated that any trouble will be experienced from such a cause.

10. *Assistant Magistrate.*—Since the Board formulated a request for the appointment of an Assistant Magistrate, I have learnt from Mr. Carr that by the recent appointment of a full time Munsiff on the Field who may if considered desirable, be invested with Magisterial powers, the requirements of the Mining Community in this respect are already provided for.

In conclusion I beg to tender the best thanks of the Mining Board to you Sir, and to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja for the kind consideration that has always been accorded to our numerous representations.

ADDRESS READ BY MR. SCOTT-SKIRWING.

6th October 190.

SIR KRISHNA MURTI, DEWAN, AND GENTLEMEN,

As the representative of the North Mysore Planters' Association I do not, on the present occasion, deem it advisable to occupy the time of this Assembly with any subjects of purely local interest. I propose, however, with your permission, Sir, to refer, briefly, to two subjects of general interest throughout the Province.

These are—the Game Act, and the Act for the prevention of cruelty to animals. With regard to the former, I would again congratulate the Government on its introduction into the Province. Without this Act, certain species of wild animals would have become extinct, and I feel sure, that when with systematic administration of the Act, the people of the Province have become familiarized with its provisions, the end aimed at will be fully attained.

As the Act now stands, it may not, perhaps, be perfect but, should any alteration be found desirable, such proposed alteration might wellcome from the Game Association which exists, and is doing good work, rather than from individuals. Every one interested in the subject is at liberty to join that Association, and through it, voice a collective opinion.

In regard to the Act for the prevention of cruelty to animals,—I believe the Act, at present, only extends to certain Municipalities. I here plead for its extension throughout the Province.

As you are aware, Sir, a society exists, under the patronage of Her Highness the Maharani Regent, which aims at inculcating on the youth of Mysore the virtue of kindness to animals and the amelioration of animal suffering.

This society will, without doubt, bear valuable fruit in the future and it would be a splendid thing, if its humane teachings could be extended to every school in the Province. But this society, however noble its aims—however excellent its work—cannot reach the illiterate. I therefore beg for the extension of the Act for the prevention of cruelty to animals throughout the Province.

I feel sure that every educated man, with a heart that beats in sympathy for suffering, would, gladly, do all in his power to assist the Magistracy and the Police in bringing to justice the scoundrel, who, for sordid ends or from callous indifference for animal suffering, inflicts needless pain on helpless creatures in his power.

ADDRESS BY THE REPRESENTATIVE MEMBERS.

ಶ್ರೀಮೆ ದಿವಾನರವರ—ಕೌನ್ಸಿಲರವರುಗಳ ಸನ್ನಿಧಾನದಲ್ಲಿ,—

ಸ್ವಾಮಿ,

ಈಗಿನ ವಿದ್ಯಮಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಜನಗಳು ಈ ಪೂರಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರುವದಕ್ಕೆ ವಿಶೇಷ ಪ್ರತಿಬಂಧಕ ವಾಗಿದ್ದಾಗ್ಯೂ ಶ್ರೀಮೆ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರು ಪ್ರಜಾಕ್ಷೇಮಕ್ಕೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ನಿಷಯಗಳನ್ನು ತಿಳಿಯುವುದೇ ರಾಜ್ಯಾಡಳಿತಕ್ಕೆ ಮುಖ್ಯಾಂಶವೆಂದು ಭಾವಿಸಿ ಈ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನು ಸೇರುವಂತೆ ಮಾಡಿ ನಮ್ಮಗಳ ವಸತಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಅನುಕೂಲಗಳನ್ನು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾದ ಪ್ರೀತಿಯಿಂದ ಮಾಡಿಸಿ ಕೊಟ್ಟದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ಈ ಸಭೆಯನ್ನಲಂಕರಿಸಿ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಿಗೂ ಸಂತೋಷವನ್ನುಂಟು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಲ್ಲದೆ ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಮಹಾಸ್ವಾಮಿಯವರು ದಯಮಾಡಿ ಬಂದು ಅಭೂತ ಪೂರ್ವಕ ವಾದ ಘನತೆಯನ್ನುಂಟುಮಾಡಿ ಪ್ರಜಾ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಾದ ನಮ್ಮಗಳ ಉತ್ಸಾಹವನ್ನು ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಇತೋಪ್ಯಧಿಕಮಾಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ರಾಜಭಕ್ತಿಪೂರ್ವಕವಾದ ಸಂತೋಷ ವನ್ನು ಶ್ರೀಮೆ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರಿಗೆ ವಿಜ್ಞಾಪನಾಪೂರ್ವಕ ಶ್ರುತಪಡಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಬೇಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.

2. ಹಿತ್ತಲು ಮತ್ತು ಪಾಳು ನಿವೇಶನದ ಮೇಲೆ ಹಾಕಿರುವ ಕಂದಾಯವನ್ನು ತಪ್ಪಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಚರ್ಚೆಯಲ್ಲಿದ್ದ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ಇತ್ಯರ್ಥ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ಅಪ್ಪಣೆ ಕೊಡಿಸಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಹಿಡುವಳಿ ಜಮೀನುಗಳಲ್ಲಿರತಕ್ಕ ಕೇಂದಿ ಮರದ ಹಕ್ಕು ರೈತರಿಗೇನೇ ಬಿಟ್ಟುಕೊಟ್ಟದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ದೊಡ್ಡ ಆಳಿದ ಶ್ರೀಮೆ ಮಹಾರಾಜ ಚಾಮರಾಜೇಂದ್ರ ಒಡೆಯರ್ ಬಹದೂರವರು 1881ನೆಯ ಇಸವಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ರಾಜ್ಯಭಾರವನ್ನು ವಹಿಸಿದಾಗ್ಗೆ ಈ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ 1,01,00,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಇದ್ದಾಗ್ಯೂ ರೈತರ ಪರಿತಾಪವನ್ನು ಪರ್ಯಾಲೋಚಿಸಿ ಬಂದು ಮಣಕ್ಕೆ $1\frac{1}{4}$ನಂತೆ ಇದ್ದ ಅಡಿಕೆ ಹಾಸಲನ್ನು $\frac{3}{4}$ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗೆ ಇಳಿಸಿದ್ದರಿಂದ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನಕ್ಕೆ ಸುಮಾರು $3\frac{1}{2}$ ಲಕ್ಷ ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯು ಕಡಮೆಯಾಯಿತು. ಪ್ರಕೃತ ಸಂಸ್ಥಾನದ ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿ 2,06,83,000 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳಿದ್ದು ಸಾಯರು 3,53,011 ರೂಪಾಯಿಗಳು ಇರುವುದರಿಂದ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರು ಉದಾರ ಧೀರರಾಗಿರುವುದರಿಂದ ಈ ಅಲ್ಪವಾದ ಸಾಯರು ಉತ್ಪತ್ತಿಯನ್ನು ಗಣನೆಗೆ ತಾರದೆ ರೈತರ ಕ್ಷೇಮವೇ ಮುಖ್ಯವೆಂದು ತಿಳಿದು ಕಡಮೆ ಮಾಡಬೇಕಾದದ್ದೇ ಅವಶ್ಯಕವೆಂದು ಶ್ರೀಮೆ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರ ಚಿತ್ತಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿರುವುದಾಗಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಉಪನ್ಯಾಸವಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಸ್ತಾಪಿಸಿರುವುದಕ್ಕೂ ಶೇಕದಾರಿ ಸ್ಕೀಂ ಜಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತರಬೇಕಾಗಿಯು ಲೋಕಲ್ ಫಂಡ್ ರೂಲ್ಸ್ ಜಾರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ತಂದದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ಇದೇರೀತಿಯಾದ ಸರ್ವ ಪ್ರಜಾನುಕೂಲಗಳಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಕ್ಕೂ ಪ್ರಜಾಕ್ಷೇಮೈಕ ಚಿಂತಾಪರರಾದ ಪ್ರಜಾ ಪ್ರತಿನಿಧಿಗಳಾದ ನಾವು ತಮ್ಮಗಳಿಗೆ ಬಹಳ ಕೃತಜ್ಞರಾಗಿದ್ದೇವೆ.

3. ನಮ್ಮಗಳ ವಿಜ್ಞಾಪನೆಗಳನ್ನು ಸಾವಧಾನದಿಂದ ಆಲಿಸಿ ಶ್ರೀಮೆ ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರಿಗೆ ಕೀರ್ತಿ ಉಂಟಾಗುವಂತೆಯೂ ಪ್ರಜೆಗಳಿಗೆ ಕ್ಷೇಮ ಉಂಟಾಗುವಂತೆಯೂ ತಾವುಗಳನುತಿಸಿವ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಾವುಗಳು ಅನಂತಾನಂತ ವಂದನೆಯನ್ನು ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆ.